(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) Out of 81,000 acres allotted for salt manufacture in the Kutch district, about 10,000 acres is affected due to steel and coke plants located in the area.

(b) and (c) The Salt Department has taken up the issue with the Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar to discuss the matter for purposive initiatives.

Decline in growth rate of infrastructural industrial areas

1-1251. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the declining growth rate of infrastructural industrial areas during the year 2007-08; and

if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the number of industries in which the decline has been recorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRl ASHWANI KUAMR): (a) and (b) The growth of six core infrastructure industries (Crude Oil, Petroleum Refinery Products, Coal, Electricity, Cement and Finished Steel) was 5.7% during April -December, 2007-08 as against 8.9% in the corresponding period of previous year. All core infrastructure industries, except coal, recorded lower growths during April-December, 2007-08 as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

Main reasons for the decline are transportation, local disturbances in some production regions, heavy rainfall and land acquisition and forest clearances for coal, capacity constraints for cement and power sector etc.

SEZs approved for Maharashtra, M.P. and Chhattisgarh

tl252. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE: SHRI
SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

the number of Special Economic Zones approved for Maharashtra, M.P. and Chhattisgarh as on 1st February, 2008;

the names of Industrial House or Industrial groups under whose ownership maximum number of SEZs will be;

the Zone-wise details of agricultural land and Government barren land under each Special Economic Zone; and

(d) the details of current status of each Special Economic Zone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Under the Special

t Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Economic Zones Act, 2005, 101 formal approvals have been given for setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

In Chhattisgarh, only one formal approval has been granted for setting up of an SEZ by M/s Naya Raipur Development Authority. In Madhya Pradesh, formal approvals have been granted to 12 SEZs out of which 7 are by Madhya Pradesh State Electronics Development Corporation Limited and Madhya Pradesh State Industrial Development Corporation. In Maharashtra, formal approvals have been granted to 88 Developers of which 20 are for SEZs to be set up by Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation/Maharashtra Airport Development Company Limited.

Land/land usage is a State subject and each State acquires land for various purposes as per their policy. There are no special provisions for acquisition of land for Special Economic Zones (SEZs). All State Governments have been advised that in case of land acquisition for Special Economic Zones, first priority should be for acquisition of waste and barren land, then single crop land and if perforce a portion of double cropped agricultural land has to be acquired the same should not exceed 10% of the total land required for the SEZ. State Government have also been informed that Board of Approval (BoA) will not consider any proposal of setting up of SEZ if the State Governments have carried out or propose to carry out compulsory acquisition after 5th April, 2007.

Out of the 101 approvals granted in the three States, 24 SEZs in Maharashtra and 3 SEZs in Madhya Pradesh have been notified and are in various stages of implementation.

Scheme to boost growth in export of services

1253. MS. PRAMILABOHIDAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

whether Government has launched a scheme to boost growth in export of services to create a powerful and unique "Served From India" brand in the international market;

if so, the details thereof; and

what are the kinds of incentives that are proposed to be given to the service providers under this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Yes, Sir.

Details are given under para 3.6.4 of Chapter 3 of the Foreign Trade Policy, which is easily assessable from website www.dgft.gov.in.

All Service Providers are entitled to Duty Credit scrip equivalent to 10% of free foreign exchange earned during preceding financial year. However Hotels, Restaurants and other Service Providers in Tourism Sector are entitled to duty credit scrip equivalent to 5%. Some services and service providers as listed in Paragraph 3.18.1 of Handbook of Procedures Vol. 1 are not entitled. Duty Credit Scrip may be used for Import of any capital goods including spares, office equipment and professional equipment, office furniture and consumables; that are otherwise freely importable under ITC (HS). Imports relating to any service sector business of applicant and entitlement/goods (imported/procured) is non transferable (except within group company and managed hotels) and is subject to Actual User condition. Utilization of Duty Credit Scrip for payment of excise duty is permitted for